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The Honorable Wren Harris
 Chairman, Committee on Interstate and
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Dear Mr. Harris:

By letter dated 21 April 1958 you requested a report from this Agency on H. R. 11985, a bill to establish within the National Science Foundation a National Scientific and Technical Information Service for the collection and dissemination of information in the fields of science and technology.

The bill would amend section 3 of the Act of May 19, 1950 (64 Stat. 149; 42 U. S. C. 1862) to authorize the National Scientific and Technical Information Service . . . to formulate and carry out plans for collecting, abstracting, analyzing, translating, and disseminating scientific and technical information from all sources, including information and data from foreign nations. The bill also authorizes the appropriation of \$250,000 to initiate the program.

This Agency has long recognized the merit of establishing within the Government a clearinghouse for collecting, abstracting, analyzing, translating and disseminating unclassified documents of a scientific or technical nature. We have indicated to the Congress and to appropriate Government departments, particularly the National Science Foundation and the Office of Technical Services in the Department of Commerce, our desire to cooperate in a clearinghouse program. We are currently providing these departments with selected Russian documents, translated by this Agency as part of our mission to collect and disseminate information having actual or potential intelligence value.

This Agency would support any measure which would strengthen the establishment and maintenance of a dissemination center if the provisions

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of Public Law 776 - 81st Congress (64 Stat. 923) and other existing laws are determined to be inadequate for this purpose.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

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This reply has been coordinated
with OCR, EDD, OSI and ODDI.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

We have discussed this bill with OCR, FDD, OSI and ODDI. OSI has some concern as to the possibility of the Science Foundations's sending people abroad if this bill is passed. However, this bill makes no real change in the existing laws establishing the functions of NSF and the Office of Technical Services in the Commerce Department. While we have not formally cleared this report with the Bureau of the Budget, they seem favorably disposed toward our position. In addition, State is making a similar report recommending that any overseas program of NSF be coordinated with and approved by the Secretary of State. Recommend signature:

Legislative Counsel

6 June 1958

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